



# Rapid River News

May 25th, 2015

**Newly Elected Officials Sworn in!** The Swearing-In Ceremony for the Ogema, Tribal Council, Judges and Election Board members was held on Wednesday May 20th, 2015 in the Lodge Room at the Government Center in Manistee. Go to page 3 for photographs of the ceremony and watch the next issue of the **Currents** for more details.

**Your newly elected leaders are:**

Ogema—Larry Romanelli

Tribal Council 9-County: Sandra 'Peanut' Lewis,  
Ronald Wittenberg and Jessica Lynn Burger

Tribal Council At Large: Joseph Riley II

Chief Judge: Daniel T. Bailey

Appellate Judge—Elder: Joseph J. LaPorte

Appellate Judge—Lawyer: Melissa L. Pope

Election Board: Tammy Bowen, Karen Love



**New Organization Chart!** Tribal Council has approved the Ogema's recommendation for a new organization chart for the Executive Branch of the tribal government. This 'new' approach is expected to improve delivery of services to the membership, improve the function of the government and communications throughout.

**Elk & Bear Permit Drawing announced.** The Natural Resources Commission has announced that they will be having their annual Elk and Bear drawing/Informational meeting on June 20th at 12:00pm. The Commission is planning on having the meeting in the lower level on the Natural Resources Building on 9th Street in Manistee.

**2015 Jiingtamok at LRBOI!** News out of Tribal Historical Preservation is that the Pow Wow this year will be on July 4th and 5th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. Grand entries will be on Saturday the 4th at noon and 7 p.m. and on Sunday the 5th at noon. See page 4 for updated details!

**May Currents is online!** The 28 page May **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20May%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues. The printed May issue will be arriving in homes in 7-10 days.

**Update on Preference Employment!** At the May 13th Council meeting, an updated preference employment report was presented. At the tribal government, out of 193 employees, 102 are preference. At the Little River Casino Resort. Out of 757 employees, 162 are preference employees.

**Government all day Staff Meeting May 29th. Offices will be closed that day!**

**Little Bear Deli is Open!** The Deli at the tribal Trading Post is now open. Be sure to come in for some good food and good selection! Watch for more details and photos in the June **Currents**

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further Information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



## Enrollment in Muskegon June 23rd!

The Enrollment Department will be at the **MUSKEGON OFFICE ON, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015, from 10 to 5 p.m.** with their Tribal Identification Machine. Any person who needs a new Tribal Card, or has an expired Tribal I.D. card can get new card at that time. Make sure you bring your Old Tribal I.D. Card, a Driver's License or picture I.D. The cost for a new Tribal I.D. is \$5.00.

The Enrollment Department will bring Forms for Direct Deposit, Beneficiary Forms, Change of Address Forms. Remember the Enrollment Department will only be in Muskegon for one day, and that is Tuesday, June 23.

If you have other questions, or need help please call the Enrollment Department at 231-398-6720; 398-6713; 398-6712.

## Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Government Staff Meeting May 29.!** Government offices will be closed all day!
- **Manistee Shop with a Cop Golf!** The golf event will be at the Heathlands on May 30th
- **Elk/Bear Permit Drawing!** June 20th at noon, lower level Natural Resource Bldg on 9th St.
- **Housing Commission Info Meeting!** June 27th from 9-noon at Community Center
- **2015 LRBOI Jiingtamok!** July 4th and 5th in Manistee at the Gathering Grounds. See pg 4
- **2015 Language Camp!** July 25-26. See the event flyer in past issues and in the **Currents**
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations)
  - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
  - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **See the new tribal department directory on the last page!** This updated list will now appear on the inside back page of every **Currents** for your convenience.
- **Housing 'Findings of No Significant Impact'** Please see the previous Rapid River News for three findings from the Housing Department.



## Installation Ceremony May 20th, 2015



**Ogema Larry Romanelli being sworn in by Judge Angela Sherigan**



**Tribal Council members Joseph Riley, Sandy 'Peanut' Lewis, Jessica Burger and Ron Wittenberg**



**Appellate Judge Melissa Pope**



**Appellate Judge Joseph LaPorte**

Please note that Chief Judge Daniel Bailey was not available for the installation ceremony.



**Tammy Bowen—Election Board**



**Karen Love— Election Board**



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 20th Annual Jiingtamok

### Grand Entries

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday: 12pm



### Public Welcome

Everyone is invited  
to attend!

### Free Parking & No

### Admission Fee

**July 4 & 5, 2015**

### **Tribal Gathering Grounds**

(corner of US-31 & M-22 across the street  
from the Little River Casino Resort and  
behind the Trading Post gas station )

**Manistee, MI**

**Native American Food Available  
Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors**

Drum Information: Call Philip Memberto at 315-925-9545

All Head Personnel and Drums are to be announced at a  
later date - keep watch or visit [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov) for updates as  
they become available.

**Drum & Dancing Competition  
Throughout the Weekend!**

Bleacher seating available, but feel free to bring your own chairs.  
NO alcohol, drugs, weapons, and pets except service animals.



## Tribal Court Docket

**Key to case definitions**

CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	GC	General Civil
CS	Child Support	GM	Guardianship of Minor
CT	Civil Ticket	GR	Employment Matter
DM	Divorce with children	JC	Judicial Complaint
DO	Divorce w/o children	JV	Juvenile
EA	Enrollment Appeal	LT	Landlord Tenant
EB	Election Board Appeal	NA	Neglect Abuse
EM	Emancipation of Minor	NC	Name Change
FJ	Foreign Judgment	PF	Probate
FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PPO	Personal Protection Order
GA	Gaming Appeal	TA	Trust Access

### Court Docket

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Judge Sherigan

02:00 p.m.

Price v. LRBOI

09182GC Final Pretrial

Friday, May 29, 2015

OFFICES CLOSED FOR MANDATORY  
EMPLOYEE STAFF MEETING.

**Kchi-Miigwech to LRBOI Judge Angela Sherigan for her services during the swearing-in ceremony last week! She and Speaker Virg Johnson conducted the ceremonies.**





## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email [vjohnson@lrboi.com](mailto:vjohnson@lrboi.com) for an application and/or additional information.



We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.

**Commission Openings!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

***"Everything really is equal. The Creator doesn't look at me any better than He looks at the trees. We're all the same."***

***--Janice Sundown Hattet, SENECA***

***Sometimes humans think we are the center of the Universe. Sometimes we think we are above or better than other people or things. The Great Spirit made a set of Laws and Principles by which all things should live. Everybody and everything lives by the same Laws. We are all made of atoms just like the trees. The life force in the middle of the atom is the life force of the Great Mystery. It is the same for everything. We are all equal in the eyes of the Creator.***

***Great Spirit, today, I will respect your handiwork.***



## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings			
Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
<a href="#">Director of Natural Resources</a>	Natural Resources	5-20-15	6-5-15
<a href="#">Director of Health Services</a>	Health Services	5-20-15	6-4-15
<a href="#">Deli Attendant</a>	Trading Post	5-20-15	5-27-15
<a href="#">Customer Service Associate</a>	Trading Post	5-18-15	5-29-15
<a href="#">Case Manager Generalist</a>	Family Services	5-15-15	5-29-15
<a href="#">Surveillance Operator</a>	Surveillance	5-1-15	5-26-15

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

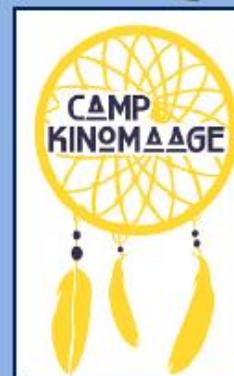
What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F**

**Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288**



- ❖ Are you interested in Science?
- ❖ Would you like to learn more about Anishinaabe culture?
- ❖ How about a week of living in dorms and meeting kids from other tribes?



Spaces are limited...

**Apply Today!**

[ceo.umich.edu/kinomaage](http://ceo.umich.edu/kinomaage)

## Camp Kinomaage Is for **YOU!**

Camp Kinomaage is a week long summer camp for middle school students located at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, MI. During the week; campers do hands-on science alongside University staff, learn about their Anishinaabe culture from elders, and have loads of fun with other campers and their University of Michigan student mentors.



**June 21-26, 2015**

Full scholarships are available for ALL participants!





Main Phone: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288. Use the following extensions for:

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<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<a href="#">Be-Da-Bin</a>	<a href="#">Government Center—Clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6741</a>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>Government Center — Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6815</b>
<a href="#">Commodities</a>	<a href="#">Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</a>	<a href="#">231.398. 6715</a>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<a href="#">Enrollment</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6712</a>
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<a href="#">Family Services</a>	<a href="#">Government Center—Clinic entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6734</a>
<b>Grants Department</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6843</b>
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<a href="#">Historic Preservation</a>	<a href="#">Government Center- Lower Level</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6893</a>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6871</a>
<b>Members Legal Asst.</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2234</b>
<a href="#">Members Assistance</a>	<a href="#">Government Center-Main Entrance</a>	<a href="#">231.398.6718</a>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th Street Offices—Manistee</b>	<b>231.398.2191</b>
<a href="#">Peacemaking/Probation</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2239</a>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>Government Center —Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<a href="#">Prosecutor</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2242</a>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<a href="#">Public Safety</a>	<a href="#">Justice Center on M22</a>	<a href="#">231.398.2225</a>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
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<b>Work Force Development</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6842</b>